

The Daily Courant.

Monday, November 20 1704

London, November 20.

The Journal of the Siege of Landau, contain'd in the Prints that come over in the last 4 Mails from Holland. From the Camp before Landau.

THE 3d of November N. S. the King of the Romans and Prince Lewis of Baden view'd the Approaches, and his Majesty gave the Workmen Money. The Night between the 3d and 4th instant, 16 Twenty four Pounders were planted upon the Battery rais'd on the Left to make a Breach; and at Day-break began to play. The 4th we work'd hard upon the other Batteries for making Breaches. In the Evening the Enemies sprung 2 Mines before the Counterguard on the Left, but without doing us much Damage. That day we had 8 Men kill'd, among them a Captain of Artillery; and 49 wounded. The Night between the 4th and 5th we blew up by a Mine the Enemies Place of Arms before the Counterguard on the Left, and made a Lodgment there. Likewise 2 resolute Grenadiers went down into the Ditch, (which then had no Water in it,) to seek for Saucissons, [a Saucisson is a Train of Powder wrap'd in a Cover of 2 Inches Diameter, and is fir'd to spring a Mine, into which one end of it reaches,] and they discover'd two, which they cut and brought up with them; that day we had 29 Men kill'd and 83 wounded. The 6th, one Battery on the Left fir'd all day with good Success. Some Grenadiers that went down into the Ditch, found the Saucisson of a Mine that was under a Place of Arms. We had 11 Men kill'd and 78 wounded, among them a Captain. The 7th, to cover our Breach-Battery we made a Breast-work on the Left, and began to work upon 4 Descents into the Ditch; 2 facing the Half-moon, and the other 2 the Counterguards on the Right and Left. The Enemies Bombs did some Damage to our Breach-Battery, but it was soon repair'd, and we continued working to prepare the other Batteries. We had 6 Men kill'd and 85 wounded. Deserters that came over to us that day, (as many do daily,) reported, that the small Grenadoes and Stones cast out of our Mortars had done great Execution upon the Enemy. The Night between the 7th and 8th, we fix'd the Gabions of our Breach-Battery, and rais'd Batteries of Mortars on the Right and Left. The Breach-Battery being finish'd 60 Demi-Culverins were plac'd on it, and began to fire the 8th at Day-break; the King of the Romans being in the Trenches; we had 12 Men kill'd and 98 wounded. The Night between the 8th and 9th, some Grenadiers were commanded to attack a small Post call'd Caponier possess'd by the Enemy in the Covert-way; which they burnt after they had driven them out. We had 7 Men kill'd and 96 wounded. The 10th we set on fire the Fascines and Works with which the Enemy had repair'd the Breach made in the Half-Moon last Year; and it succeeded to expectation. The Battery of the Imperialists which is on the Right, did great Execution; But it being observ'd that that of the Prussians, which is on the Left, was a little too far off, we fell to work to carry it forwarder. Some Deserters that came out of the Place, reported, that

the Garrison consist'd of 2500 Men. We had 20 Men kill'd and 95 wounded. The 11th the Enemy let the Water into the Ditches, which before Night rose 8 Foot high, whereby the Saucissons that lay in the Ditch were render'd unserviceable. This letting the Water into the Ditch oblig'd the Prussians to mend their Battery; and to raise a new Battery of Guns. We had 9 Men kill'd and 67 wounded. The 12th 2 Batteries of 2 Guns each, and 1 of 2 Mortars was rais'd near the Place of Arms before the Half-Moon, which play'd all Day with good Success on the Flank of the Counterguard. That Evening several large and small Mortars were plac'd on the Right of the Attack. We had 21 Men kill'd and 96 wounded. The Night between the 12th and 13th the 4 Descents were advanced to the Ditch, and began to throw the Earth of the Covert-way into it. We had 9 Men kill'd, one of them a Captain; and 56 wounded. The 14th we continued to throw in Earth to fill up the Ditch. We advanc'd so far towards the Half-Moon, that a Gallery was fix'd to the right Face of it. We had 5 Men kill'd and 46 wounded. The 15th we continued to work to perfect our Galleries, and that with so much Success, that two were affix'd with their Parapets to the Breach of the Half-Moon, notwithstanding the Fire made by the Besieged from their Artillery and small Arms. We continued to work likewise to fill up the Ditches, and our Batteries fir'd incessantly to enlarge the Breaches. That Day we had five Men kill'd, among them a Captain; and 68 wounded. The Night following, the Prince of Baden having view'd our Approaches towards the Half-Moon, and having reported to the King of the Romans the good Condition he found the Breach in the Right Face of the Half-Moon; his Majesty commanded General Bibra with some Troups to storm the said Half-Moon; This attack succeeded so that our Granadiers clim'd up the Breach before they were perceiv'd, and drove the Enemy over a Barricado, which they had made with Trees and pieces of Timber on the Left of the Half-Moon. Then our Men took Post on the Point of the Half-Moon, and begun a Lodgment of 20 Paces long, having a Communication with the Galleries, which they finish'd before Day-break the next Morning. The 16th at 8 in the Morning, the Besieged sprung a Mine near the Lodgment we have mention'd, but did our Men no Hurt; and afterwards made a Sally to endeavour to beat them from the Lodgment, but were presently repuls'd with Loss by our Grenadiers; so that our Men perfected that Lodgment. We had 10 Men kill'd, among them a Captain, and 112 wounded, among them 2 Captains, 2 Lieutenants, 1 Ensign, and 2 Ingeniers. The Night between the 16th and 17th we enlarg'd our Lodgment and secur'd it by Banquette; and the Cannon which had made the Breach in the Half-Moon, were turn'd against the Curtain. The 17th we continued to work to fill up the Ditch; and to run Galleries along the Counterguards; of which Galleries that on the Right was advanc'd over 3 Parts in 4 of the Ditch. We had 28 Men kill'd and 130 wounded; among them 2 Captains, 1 Lieutenants, and 1 Ensign. The Besieged have still a Lodgment in the Neck of the Half-Moon,

Moon, but cannot maintain themselves in it long, because it has a Communication with the Place only in one part; and 'tis probable they keep it, only that they may spring 2 Mines which they have yet remaining. The King of the Romans is daily in the Approaches, to animate the Soldiers by their presence; and his Majesty distributes a great deal of Money among them, to encourage them under the extraordinary Fatigues they undergo. Our Breach Batteries continue to play; but the Enemy having repair'd the Breaches made in the last Siege, with Fascines and Timber, our Bullets have not so great an Effect upon them as they would have upon Earth; The Besieged have likewise thrown up an Intrenchment within the Place, planted it with Palisadoes, and made a deep Ditch before it; and seem resolv'd to defend themselves to the last Exxtremity.

From the Paris Gazette, dated November 15.

Strasbourg, Nov. 5. All the News we have receiv'd from the Enemies Camp before Landau, confirm, that they suffer'd extraordinary Loss in their Attacks of the Lunette de Melac and of the Counterscarp, of which last they were not Masters the 2d of this Month. They found themselves oblig'd to advance to the Covert-way by Saps, and yet the Besieged made so great a Fire from their Artillery and small Arms, and threw so many Grenadoes and Stones among them, that they had a great number of Soldiers kill'd or wounded daily. They have lately receiv'd from Frankfort a Convoy of Ammunition; but they complain that Powder enough is not sent to them, and that the Bullets they receiv'd are not of a size proportionable to their heavy Artillery. We are inform'd likewise, that their Troops are discourag'd by the Fatigues they endure, and by the vigorous Resistance of the Besieged; and that the Distempers which continue among them, carry off great Numbers of their Soldiers.

From the Paris Gazette, dated November 22.

Strasbourg, Nov. 12. The Advices relating to the Siege of Landau are very uncertain, the Besiegers taking extraordinary Care to conceal the great Losses they suffer. What we have been able to learn, is, that the 3d of this Month they sprung a Mine under the Parapet of the Place of Arms of the Covert-way, before the Ravelin; that they lodg'd themselves there, and work'd to raise a Battery for making a Breach in the Ravelin: That the 6th the Besieged dismounted one of the Batteries which they had made on the Glacis of the Counterscarp, not having been able to possess themselves of the Covert-way. The last certain Information we receiv'd, was, (and the Enemies themselves own the same particulars,) that from the 1st of this Month to the 7th at Night they had between 6 and 700 Men kill'd or wounded in the Attacks. They write from Hagenau, that 2 Deserters who were come thither, and who were in the Trenches the 6th reported, that the Enemies had 3 Batteries of 10 Pieces of Cannon each, one of which batter'd the Ravelin, and the other two the two Counterguards: that they were preparing to make Descents into the Ditch; but that the Sieur Laubanie had render'd that difficult, by causing Trenches to be made in the Ditch which he had kept dry by stopping the Water; that the Besiegers endeavour'd to ruine his Sluices with their Cannon, but that he had secur'd them by a Breast-work. That the Besiegers Troops were extremely fatigu'd and dishearten'd, and that it was report'd in their Camp they had lost 10 or 12000 Men in this Siege, in the Attacks they had made, by Sicknefs, or Desertion.

From the Paris Gazette a la Main, dated Nov. 22.

Paris, Nov. 22. We have receiv'd certain Advice from Monsieur de Laubanie, that the Enemies were not Masters of the Covert-way till the 9th instant; and that after they have pass'd the Ditch and taken the Half Moon and Counterguards, he will find them Employment; For he has cut off the 2 Bastions from the rest of the Body of the Place; and set Men to

work to throw up an Intrenchment behind the River, which will form a new Town as it were, where 'tis presum'd by those who are skill'd in Military Affairs, they may hold out a fortnight before he need capitulate.

London, November 20.

On Saturday General Churchill, and my Lord Cutts, arriv'd here from Holland.

The Queen has conferr'd the Honour of Knight-hood on William Jumper Esq; Commander of Her Majesty's Ship the Lenox.

On Saturday Stocks were as follows, Bank 117 & 3 qrs. Old Comp. 121 & a half. New Comp. 249. Million Bank 83 & a half. African 18 & 5 eighths. Shares 24 & 3 qrs. Sword Blades 73.

In Saturday's Courant, the 42d Line of the 1st Column, for Besieged read Besiegers; and again the 37th Line of the 4th Column, for Besieged r. Besiegers.

At the Theatre Royal in Drury-Lane, this present Monday being the 20th of November, will be presented a Comedy call'd, Tunbridge Walks, or, The Yeoman of Kent. With several Entertainments of Singing and Dancing. And tomorrow will be reviv'd a Comedy call'd, The Rehearsal. The Part of Bays to be perform'd by Mr. Efcourt. With several Italian Sonatas on the Violin by Signior Gasperini. And all the Entertainments of Dancing which were perform'd on Saturday last by Monsieur du Ruel, Mrs. du Ruel, Mrs. Mollé, Mr. Laferry, and Mrs. Bicknell.

These Plays are Sold by Richard Wellington at the Dolphin and Crown in St. Paul's Church-yard. Where you may have most Novels.

A most exact Plan, (different from any yet publish'd) of the Battle fought by his Grace the Duke of Marlborough, and his Highness Prince Eugene of Savoy, against his Electoral Highness of Bavaria, and the two Marshals of France, Tallard and Marlin, August 2. 1704. Sold by Edw. Cottle, Bookseller, near White-Hall. price 6 d.

Any Gentleman or others, that are desirous to see a Course of Chymistry: The Proposals may be seen at the Golden Mortar in Shandois-street, Covent-Garden. The Course will begin the first of December next. To be perform'd by James Robertson.

If any Merchant or others want a Lodging with a large and convenient Counting-House, ready fitted up with Desks, Shelves, Letter-Cases, Telling-Boards, Stow, &c. let them come or send to Mr. John Vevers in Balinghall-street.

The most excellent PILLS for the Dropie, and all Dropical Swellings, which evacuate the Water with wondrous ease and safety, both by Stool and Urine, whether in the Legs, Thighs or Belly, &c. Also for those of an untoward habit of Body, or that are full and purfie, fearing Dropies, they are admirable, for they rectifie the ill State of the Blood, confirm its weakened Tone, and strengthen the Liver, Bowels, and even the whole Body to admiration. To be had with Directions for 3 s. 6 d. the Box, containing several Doses, at Mr. Varenne's, a Bookseller, at the Sign of Seneca's Head near Somerset-House in the Strand.

Coffee, Tea and Chocolate, by Wholesale or Retail, at the Queens Arms on Ludgate-hill near the Bridge. Note, You may have the best Chocolate all Nut at 3 s. a pound, and with Sugar 4 s. a pound. And very good Bohee Tea at 12 s. a pound.



A Draught of the new Invention, no way 13 Inches all bright cast Iron.

The Author of the new Invention for making Chocolate the finest and cleanliest in the World, sells 1 s. a pound cheaper than any, and 3 s. a pound cheaper than many in London, that the Nobility and Gentry may acquaint themselves with it, which Encouragement would oblige the Author to dispose of 800 Inventions by Subscriptions at 2 l. 10 s. each. All that see them would have one, that their Servants might make it with ease and so cleanly as not to defile their Fingers, and lye them not in above half the Money they usually pay for the best. The Invention is to be seen, the working part is a Secret, the Chocolate all Spanish Nut or all Martineco Nut, rich or plain, or both sorts, with Sugar rich or plain. Sold only by the Author Mr. Robert Inwood in Stropson's Court in White Friers, the third door behind the Green Dragon Tavern in Fleet-street.

This day continues the Sale by Auction (in the Inner-Lower-Walk of Exeter-Exchange in the Strand) of Bibliotheca Skeltoniana: Or, a Catalogue of curious Books contain'd in the Library of the late Reverend Dr. Skelton, Arch-Deacon of Bedford. Among which are most of the Fathers in Greek and Latin the best Editions; and several of the Classick Authors, (cum Notis Variorum & in Usum Lelph.) by the most celebrated Printers, &c. Stephens, Vascosan, Aldus, Elzevir, &c. Likewise a choice Collection of History, Travels, Memoirs, Miscellanies, Poetry, Physick, Canon, Civil and Common Law. Catalogues may be had at 6 d. each of Mr. Barnes in the Pall-mall, Mr. King in Westminster-Hall, Mr. Hodgson in Holbourn, Mr. Wale in St. Paul's Church-yard, Mr. Smith under the Royal Exchange, Mr. Varenne near Somerset-House, Mr. Richard Smith without Temple-bar, at the Place of Sale the Auction Coffee-House in Burly-street, and Mr. Anth. Piesley at Oxford.

The Christian Sanctuary: Or Room for Returning Sinners, with a Compassionate Saviour. By Mr. Tho. Whitaker Minister at Leeds. 2. Philomela's Poems. 3. Lifter's Sermon at Mr. Dawson's Funeral. 4. Howell's Elements of History. All printed for Richard Burrough at the Sun and Moon in Cornhill.

This is to give Notice, That a new Edition of Mr. Hooker's Ecclesiastical Polity in Folio, corrected by a very careful and judicious Person from multitudes of Errors crept into the former Editions, and printed on a very fine Paper, is almost finish'd, and will in a few Weeks be publish'd.